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SUBJ: UN ADMINISTRATION - COMMITTEE ON THE UN FINANCIAL EMERGENCY

1. A SET OF GUIDELINES WAS SUBMITTED SEP 22 BY CHAIRMAN BOATEN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE UN FINANCIAL EMERGENCY AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATION BY THE COMMITTEE (TEXT APPENDED). BOATEN SAID HE HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF VARIOUS DELEGATIONS AND GROUPS IN PREPARING HIS PAPER, AND ASKED THAT VIEWS OF CAPITALS BE OBTAINED SO THAT NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE COULD BE SCHEDULE IN ABOUT A WEEK.

2. THE GUIDELINES ARE IN FACT ALMOST A CARBON COPY OF THE PAPER WHICH THE G-77 APPROVED IN AUGUST. THE ONLY DIFFERENCES WORTH NOTING ARE: (1) ONE OF THE QTE BASIC PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE THE COMMITTEE'S WORK UNQTE, NAMELY, THAT ANY PACKAGE AGREEMENT SHOULD GIVE APPROPRIATE MENTION TO THE POSITIONS OF PRINCIPLE OF MEMBER STATES, HAS BEEN DROPPED; (2) THE PROVISION ON MAKING UN BOND PAYMENTS OUT OF INCOME HAS BEEN AMENDED TO STIPULATE THAT ANY SHORTFALL WILL BE MET BY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS (POSSIBLY A RESULT OF OF OUR SUGGESTION THAT ANY SUCH ARRANGEMENT WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE A GUARANTEE THAT ENOUGH INCOME IS AVAILABLE TO SERVICE THE BONDS); AND (3) THE PAPER NOW CALLS FOR DETERMINATION

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OF THE MINIMUM (UNDERScore) APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF THE

1978-79 PROGRAM BUDGET.

3. AT THE SEPTEMBER 22 MEETING MOST OF THE ACTIVE DELEGATIONS MADE SOME COMMENT ON THE BOATEN PAPER, IF ONLY TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS PATIENCE. KEMAL (PAKISTAN) SAID THE PAPER PROVIDED CONCESSIONS BY ALL SIDES, NOTING THAT PARA B2 WAS A PARTICULARLY GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE NEAT BALANCING OF INTERESTS. STOFOROPOULOS (GREECE) SAID HE SUPPORTED THE GUIDELINES TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY REFLECT THE G-77 PAPER, AND POINTED TO PARA C 4 AS AN IMPORTANT G-77 CONCESSION.

4. STUART (UK) SAID CLARIFICATION WAS NEEDED ON TWO POINTS, NAMELY WHY PAPER DID NOT DEAL WITH THE CARDINAL PROBLEM OF PAYMENT BY SOME COUNTRIES OF THEIR ASSESSMENTS FOR REGULAR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROBLEM IN UNUSABLE CURRENCIES. SECONDLY, HE ASKED HOW LANGUAGE IN PARA C 4 COULD BE UNDERSTOOD AS A CONCESSION BY G-77 SINCE IT APPARENTLY PROVIDED A BUDGET FLOOR RATHER THAN A CEILING. ON UNUSABLE CURRENCIES, BOATEN REPLIED THAT FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 5.4 AND 5.5 MENTIONED IN GUIDELINES REQUIRE PAYMENT TO BE MADE IN DOLLARS AND THAT PARA B (B) COULD ALSO BE REGARDED AS DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM. CONCERNING PARA C4, HE SAID INTENTION IS NOT SIMPLY TO PUT A FLOOR ON THE BUDGET WITH THE SKY THE UPPER LIMIT BUT RATHER TO PROVIDE A MEANS OF CONTROLLING BUDGET GROWTH.

5. STOTTEMYER (US) SAID WE REGARDED THE CHAIRMAN'S PAPER AS A GOOD BASIS FOR DISCUSSION, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD BE SEEKING CLARIFICATION ON SOME POINTS, AND WE WOULD COOPERATE WITH THE CHAIRMAN IN PREPARING A TIMELY REPORT TO THE GA.

6. THE USSR DID NOT SPEAK, AND WE ARE TOLD THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY UNRESPONSIVE TO BOATEN'S REQUESTS FOR THEIR VIEWS.

7. COMMENT: MISSION BELIEVES WE SHOULD RETAIN FLEXIBILITY AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY SOVIETS WILL REJECT THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS OF THE BOATEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAPER OR STALL INDEFINITELY.

8. ASSUMING HOWEVER WE WILL FIND OURSELVES COMPELLED TO TAKE A STAND ON THE PAPER, WE BELIEVE THAT MANY OF THE POINTS MADE IN GOVERNOR SCRANTIN'S LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 16 TO BOATEN SHOULD BE RESTATED BY US, PARTICULARLY: (1) OUR RECORD IS CLEAN; (2) THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEFICIT MUST IN SOME WAY SOLVE IT, INTER ALIA (UNDERSCORE) BY SPECIFIC

COMMITMENTS TO CEASE WITHHOLDING AND TO CEASE CONTRIBUTING
PARTLY IN UNUSABLE CURRENCIES (THE LATTER IS NOT EXPLICIT
IN THE BOATEN PAPER); (3) REFERENCE TO LEVEL OF TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE IS OUTSIDE MANDATE OF COMMITTEE; (4) BUDGETARY
STRINGENCY LANGUAGE IS ACCEPTABLE EXCEPT FOR REFERENCE TO
MINIMUM (UNDERSCORE) APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF 1978-79
BUDGET; AND (5) CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH US WOULD ATTEND
A PLEDGING CONFERENCE, AND FACT US WILL MAKE NO PLEDGE
TO HELP LIQUIDATE ROC ARREARS.

9. WITH RESPECT TO BOND SERVICE, MISSION SUGGESTS THAT
PARTICULAR FLEXIBILITY IS NEEDED. LANGUAGE ON MEETING ANY
SHORTFALL BY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS GOES A CERTAIN
WAY TOWARD MEETING ONE OF OUR CONCERNS.
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